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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Italy's Dilemma

With the fall of the Italian Government last Saturday—the third time in about eight months—and the precarious balance in the French assembly likely to topple M. Lanteri out of office at any moment, it is time these two countries worked out a more practical application of "democracy" for their parliamentary institutions. François Mauriac recently said of France: "The essential cause of our troubles is the extreme individualism of the French people. Each shade of political opinion insists on being represented." The same is equally true of Italy today. Within the Italian Chamber of Deputies there are the following political groups: The Christian Democrats, the Republicans and the Liberals occupying roughly the middle of the road position, the Monarchists and the Neo-Fascists on the right, and the Communists, left-wing Socialists under Nenni and the Social Democrats on the left. There is a somewhat similar alignment of parties in the French Assembly.

The fact that Signor Fanfani's defeat struck a blow to Italian ratification of the EDC treaty and Western Defence generally is sad enough, but it is incidental to the main dilemma facing these countries.

SOME compromise must be sought within the basic coalition that is to govern the country. It is absurd for any Prime Minister to have to rely on the vote of vacillating minorities whose members are more concerned with the abstract philosophical approach to a problem rather than a practical political approach. Fresh elections cannot solve the Italians' problem either although it is ironical that Alcide de Gasperi, the giant capable of leading the country through its present troubled times, has to watch helplessly from the sidelines. Within the French and Italian Parliaments are groups with basically similar policies which, so long as they are ready to compromise on small differences and form a single entity, could speak with authority and could do much to weaken the power of the Communists. After all, minor differences of opinion within the coalition—the cause of Signor Fanfani's downfall—are surely a matter for the privacy of the Government party room, not Parliament itself. If democracy is to be saved, it must be made more secure.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURE

Revealing Secrets Of Spy Ring

TOKYO, Feb. 2.—A Soviet diplomat has surrendered to a top-secret US intelligence agency and is voluntarily disclosing the operation of a Russian spy ring in the Far East, an authoritative source said today.

Rastovorov, second secretary of the outlawed Soviet diplomatic mission in Japan, disappeared on Jan. 24, only a few hours before he was to fly back to Moscow. Two days later the Soviet mission asked Tokyo police to search for him.

The chief of the Russian mission, F. J. Runov, accused the United States yesterday of kidnapping Rastovorov "with the aim of provocation of the Soviet Union."

Runov told a press conference he believed that Rastovorov was "taken by the American espionage organisation in Japan" and "detained by them."

The informant said Rastovorov broke with the Russians last week because he feared for his life.

An official who accompanied the Russian speed skating team to Japan in mid-January, Anatoli Borsinov, was believed to have come to take the unpredictable Communist agent back to Moscow. Borsinov waited here after the skating team returned for Russia, then flew back alone on Jan. 23, the day after Rastovorov disappeared.

The source said Rastovorov was still in the Far East but could not disclose where he was being questioned. Speculation centred on the possibility that he had been flown to Okinawa, American island base south of Japan, where a turncoat North Korean MIG pilot was taken after he sought political asylum last October.

Both the US Far East Command and American Embassy denied any knowledge of the missing Russian.

A high ranking American told United Press that the US officials deliberately issued false denials about the case "because it was in the American interest to do so."

It was understood that only the highest military and diplomatic officials were informed of the sensational development and they decided to hide the facts until Rastovorov had been taken to safety and thoroughly questioned.—United Press.

"IN OUR HANDS"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Informed sources here said tonight that the missing Soviet

Another Hitler Will Discovered

From Colin Lawson

Berlin, Feb. 1.

A will made by Hitler in 1938 after he decided to act against Czechoslovakia has just come to light.

It was found in 1945 by an East German electrician while repairing cables under the ruined Reich Chancellery for the Russians. He hid it, hoping to be able to sell it later, but was scared. It was recovered from the lining of his jacket when he died last week.

His widow, who showed more business acumen than her husband, took it to Herr Gerd Rosen, the Berlin expert on documents and archives.

He said tonight, "If all goes well I expect to get anything up to £10,000 for it."

The document is eight pages of excruciatingly bad writing signed with the once famous scribble, Adolf Hitler, and dated Berlin, May 2, 1938.

In the will Hitler left all his property to the Nazi Party and ordered them to pay lump sums totalling £10,000 and pensions amounting to £3,750 a year.

Heading the list was the then 17-year-old Eva Braun, whom the Fuehrer later married in his Berlin dugout. She was to have had £1,000 a year for life.

Flashback: A will made by Hitler just before he and Eva Braun died in the Berlin Chancellery shelter in May, 1945 was declared valid by a Dusseldorf court on December 4, 1952. In this Hitler made the Nazi Party and the German State his heirs.—London Express Service.

Survivors Reach Shore Safely

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 1.

The five occupants of the fishing boat Sea Lion destroyed by fire at sea today have reached shore about 84 miles north of here in a lifeboat, according to local Police.

The Coast Guard said that the cause of the blaze was not known.—France-Presse.



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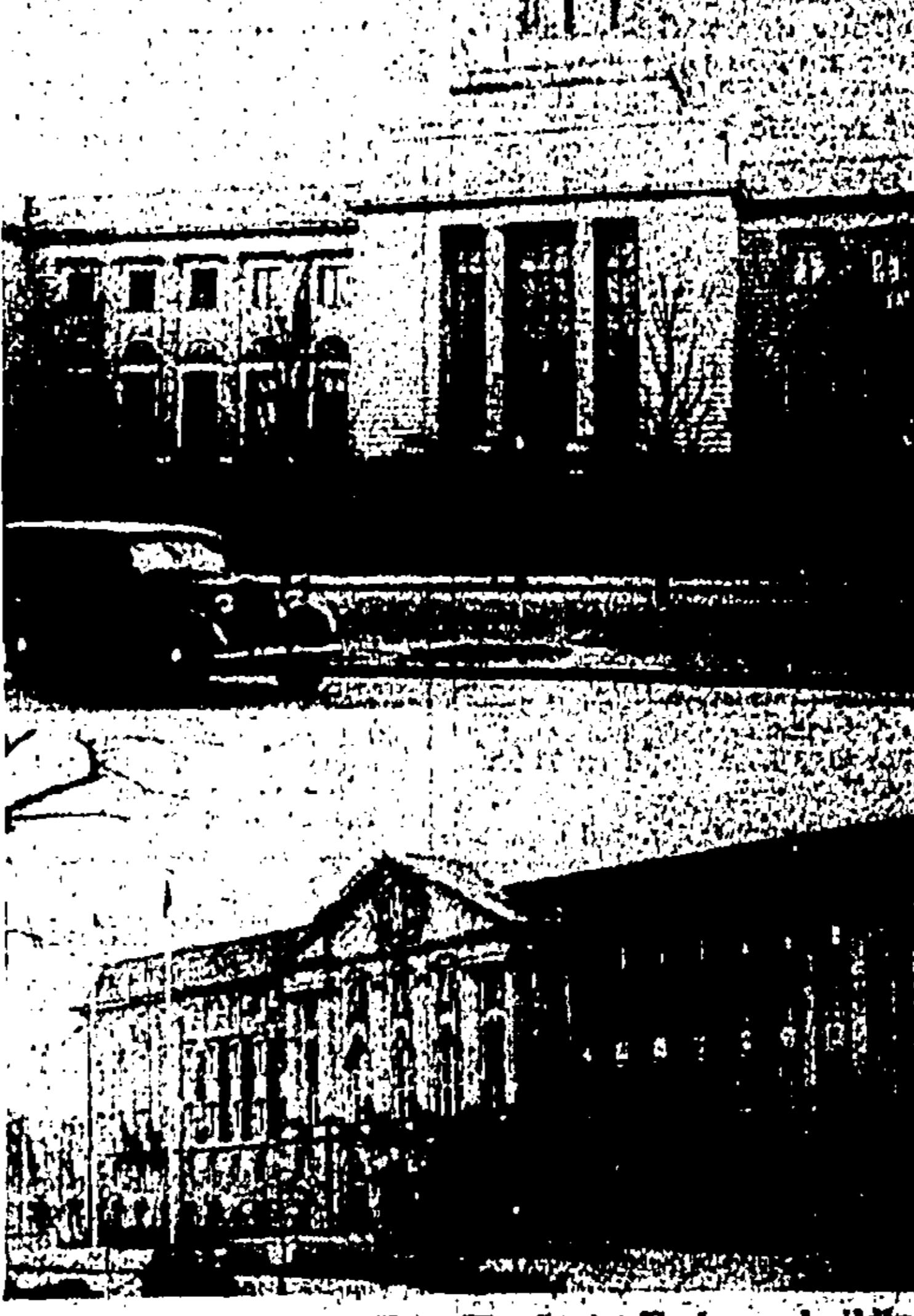
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Missing Soviet Diplomat In American Hands

Where They Are Doing The Talking



Picture shows: Top, The Soviet Embassy building in the Unter den Linden, Eastern Berlin, and bottom, The Control Building in Western Berlin. These are the buildings which are used for the meeting of the Big Four representatives. The meetings are being held in these buildings alternately each week.—London Express.

Blackmailed Into Admitting Infidelity Alleges Roosevelt

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—James Roosevelt charged today that he had been "blackmailed" by his estranged wife into falsely confessing infidelity with completely innocent women to avoid a scandal during his father's last term as President.

The eldest son of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a blanket denial of charges by his wife that he had been guilty of misconduct with 12 women. He said the women were "completely innocent" and he asked their forgiveness for their being involved.

Roosevelt said his wife, the former Romelle Schneider, was wildly jealous and, in her attempts to get material security, conducted a calculated campaign. In February 1945, on the day before he returned to service with the Marines in the Pacific, Roosevelt said, he signed a letter admitting imaginary misconduct with nine women who were no more than friends or acquaintances.

The New Year Holidays

In view of the Chinese New Year holidays, there will be no publication of the China Mail tomorrow (Wednesday) or Thursday.

Publishing will resume on Friday, and the paper will be on sale before 11am.

The South China Morning Post will be issued as usual tomorrow, but will not resume publication until Saturday morning.

He said: "He did so in return for a promise from his wife that they would try to begin their marriage anew and that she would in time destroy the letter.

If he refused to sign, he said, his wife threatened to name the women and he was faced with the "horror" of giving an added burden to his father, who had just been elected to his fourth term.

Roosevelt said he was both physically and mentally "tired" and "done in" by the strain of his work.

Govt Survives Vote

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The Prime Minister said some Labour members were "always looking for opportunities to find fault with the Americans, even on this question of the rifle."

At one point Sir Winston Churchill angrily thumped the table and demanded an apology from Mr. Woodrow Wyatt (Labour) for accusing him of "falsifying the facts" over a British trial of the Belgian rifle in 1951.

He said the opposition were trying to "work up prejudice and hostility and partisanship to cover up their folly in 1951."

The British rifle, he said, was a fine piece of work but it would have been fatal to adopt it in isolation from the other North Atlantic Treaty powers.

In the three years that had passed rifle weapons had been continually improved.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, who had earlier moved the Labour motion, retorted: "The Prime Minister is deceiving a true

and patriotic public."

Molotov Returns To The Attack: Flays Western Powers

Berlin, Feb. 1.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, today dropped all pretence of friendliness to the West and delivered the fiercest attack yet heard at the present Big Four conference.

In a scathing attack, which lasted two hours, Mr. Molotov singled out the United States as the chief recipient of Soviet venom and directed fierce criticism towards the establishment of American bases in Europe and the United States foreign aid programme.

The Soviet Foreign Minister also reiterated his bitter opposition to the proposed European defence community and, in an obvious effort to forestall the realisation of the community, proposed a "peace conference" meeting in October this year attended by representatives of all countries which fought against Germany.

Up for discussion at today's session of the Big Four, held for the first time in the massive, ornate Soviet Embassy in the East Sector of Berlin was the critical German question, raised by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, last week with a plan for free, all-German elections, leading to the formation of a united Germany.

In his attack on the Western plan, Mr. Molotov pulled no punches and shed all vestiges of friendliness which had marked the exchanges so far.

Mr. Molotov rose to speak after the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, had given wholehearted support to the British plan based on free elections throughout Germany for the formation of an all-German government.

He contended that the French Foreign Minister had defended the Bonn and Paris treaties despite the growing hostility of the French people. The defender of the community, he said, was the American representative, whose country was not even part of the association EDC, he continued, would fail and it would lead Europe to ruin.

Dealing with his peace proposal, Mr. Molotov claimed that this would enable a final solution to be reached on Germany and on the problems of the Second World War.

POTSDAM AGREEMENT

He asked that the German frontier should be bound by agreements reached at Potsdam, which would mean the maintenance of the Oder-Neisse line in the East.

Under the proposal, Germany would be enabled to possess a national army, a navy and an air force but these forces would be limited to internal duties, local border defence and anti-aircraft tasks.

The Soviet proposal would also allow Germany to manufacture war material but only to the extent required for equipping the armed forces Germany would be allowed under the peace treaty.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, called for the dismantling of Germany's civil economy and the reduction of Germany's armaments and shipping and aerial warfare.

Adm. Mr. Molotov had finished speaking, the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said that he would wait until tomorrow to add his views on the German question.

The session closed at 6.30 GMT—France-Press.

Stoker Sentenced

VALETTE, MALTA, Feb. 1.

Stoker Ames Skivington was sentenced to nine months' detention by a Royal naval court here today for causing damage aboard the 9,000-ton submarine depot ship, Fort.

The sailor was found guilty of damaging five gauges and setting fire to a cushion. He also attempted to flood a auxiliary engine on the ship which is in dry dock here.

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Labour Protests At Anglo-Jap Pact

"CONSTERNATION IN LANCASHIRE"

The Labour Party today launched a strong attack on the Government's Anglo-Japanese financial agreement in the House of Commons.

One Labour member, Mr Sydney Silverman, said the pact had caused "consternation" in Lancashire, Britain's textile county, while another, the former President of the Board of Trade, Mr Harold Wilson, said it had caused "acute anxiety."

The speaker rejected a labour demand for an immediate emergency debate made on the plea it was "a matter of urgent public importance." He said it was not justified on the grounds of urgency.

The agreement, signed in London last Friday, provides for a two-way trade totalling £420 million between Japan and the sterling area this year.

It removes restrictions from Japanese imports to the British colonies and allows her to send a limited number of goods such as toys, electrical equipment, pottery and apparel to Britain.

Mr Harold Wilson, former Labour President of the Board of Trade, led the attack against the agreement.

Mr Wilson asked why there has been no consultation with the exporting districts — which were always consulted by the former Labour government, especially where Japan was concerned.

ABRupt REVERSAL

He also asked the Government: "While the House would not force the colonies to buy British goods if they did not want to, why has there been this abrupt reversal in relation to colonial imports from Japan?"

"Why could not the situation have been eased by a gradual increase?"

Mr Reginald Maudling, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, who negotiated the agreement, said it had not been the principle of this government, or of previous ones to consult home industries before increasing imports. The Government felt "considerably concerned" about the colonies, he said.

"But we had to face the situation that there are no longer any balance of payments reasons for asking colonial governments to import less Japanese and more Lancashire goods."

The agreement would improve British and Empire trade prospects as a whole, Japan had a heavy balance of payments deficit with the sterling area. Her shortage of sterling might have compelled her to impose heavy restrictions on purchases of sterling area goods.

PAYMENT AGREEMENT

This would inevitably have had serious effects on British exports and it was recognised that Japan therefore must have further opportunities of earning sterling from her own exports.

Mr Anthony Greenwood, Labour, asked what consultations had taken place with the dominions including India.

Mr Maudling replied the Government was in negotiation with a number of sterling area countries which furnished Britain with estimates of the likely course of trade. But the actual Japanese agreement was a payment agreement and not a trade agreement.

Mr Sydney Silverman, Labour, said the agreement had caused "consternation" in Lancashire.

Mr Maudling retorted "responsible Lancashire people recognise that with the improvement of the balance of payments position restrictions of Japanese goods cannot continue."

DISMISS THE GOVERNMENT The Speaker (chairman) of the House rejected the demand for an immediate debate because it was not justified on the grounds of urgency.

The statement had been broadcast by Radio Peking on January 29. The Peking Government distributed copies of the text to delegations at the U.N. except that of Nationalist China.

France-Press.

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Convertibility Is Much Nearer Says Mr Abbott

Ottawa, Feb. 1. The convertibility of sterling is much nearer than expected a year ago, the Finance Minister, Mr D. C. Abbott, said in the House of Commons today following a month-long world tour, during which he attended the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference in Australia.

The meeting was, in many ways, one of the most satisfactory of any of the post-war series of such Commonwealth talks, Mr Abbott said.

The talks were set two years ago, at a time of real crisis, and they were confirmed at the meeting a year ago. Anyone who has watched the march of events will realise that there has been a moderate but steady improvement during all that period.

Today, sterling is stronger than it has been at any time since the end of the war, and there has been a progressive liberalisation of trade restrictions.

The time when sterling, one of the world's great trading currencies, is made convertible must, of course, be determined by those who are primarily responsible for that currency. But in my opinion, that goal is very much nearer than any one of us would have dared to hope even as short a time as a year ago.

The Opposition leader, Mr George Drew, welcomed Mr Abbott's statement and said the road of convertibility had been long sought for by the Conservatives.

"I must say that we welcome the fact that convertibility has now become a respectable word," said Mr Drew.

"There was a time when ridicule was poured on the suggestion that our government might seek the ways to further the cause of convertibility," United Press.

Nobody Knows

Djakarta, Feb. 2. Indonesian Foreign Ministry sources said today that neither the Government nor President Sukarno knows about the reported invitation from the President of Indonesia to President Rizal Magsaysay or Vice-President Carlos P. Garcia of the Philippines to visit Indonesia.

The sources made the remark in commenting on a press report from Manila quoting Foreign Ministry sources as saying that Mr. Garcia intended to visit Indonesia in place of the President in fulfillment of an invitation received from President Soekarno.—United Press.

Burma Abolishes Empire Preferences

Colombo, Feb. 1. Burma today announced her decision to abolish the system of Imperial preferences.

The decision was announced at the ECAFE trade and industry committee meeting at Kuala Lumpur, Thailand and Indonesia supported the Burmese decision.—France-Press.

More Freedom For Western Press In East Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 1. For the first time since the partition of Berlin, a recording van from the American German-language broadcasting station, RIAS, was allowed to enter the Soviet sector today to carry out on-the-spot recording at the Soviet Press Office.

Soviet permission for the van to enter the zone was all the more surprising because of several exchanges of letters from the Soviet Control Commission and the High Commissioner's Office calling on the Americans to close down their station.

The letters had denounced the radio station as being a source of espionage and sabotage against the East German Republic.

Western journalists had another surprise at the Press Centre today when they found copies of the American-licensed Tagesspiegel and the British-licensed Telegraf ready for their perusal.

Both newspapers had been denounced by the Soviet authorities as "warmongering organs."—France-Press.

British M.P. Was Best Man

Athens, Feb. 1. Mr Philip Noel-Baker, former British Socialist cabinet minister, acted as best man at a wedding of young villagers during his visit to the shaken Ionian Islands of Greece.

Mr Noel-Baker attended the ceremony at temporary wooden church at Monemvassia in the centre of the area wrecked by last year's earthquake.

He is chairman of the British Earthquake Appeal Committee which has so far raised £100,000 for the islanders.—China Mail Special.

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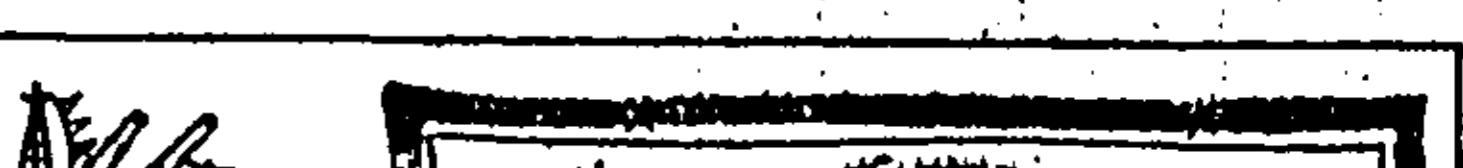
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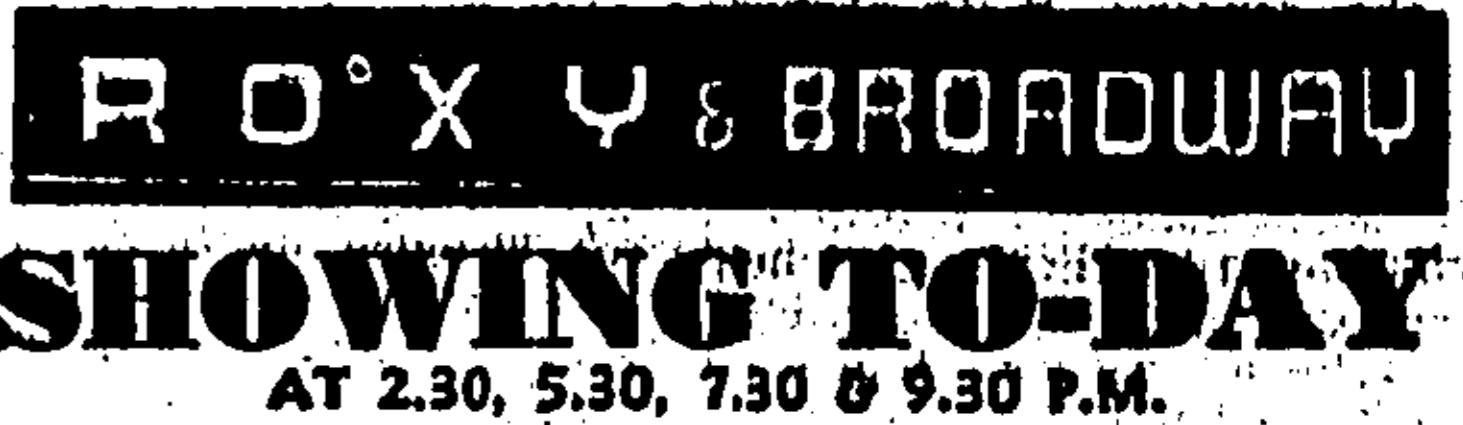
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While the northernmost column of the "Iron" Division had already forced the Nam Hou river at several points south of the outpost of Mongh Khoua, a central column was marching down the Nam Hou river valley which joins the Mekong river north of Luang Prabang, and the southernmost column was driving toward Pak Seng, north-east of the threatened capital.

Shakespeare Scores In Moscow

London, Feb. 1. The Vakhtangov Theatre of Moscow has just given its 800th performance of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", Moscow radio reported today.

The same theatre is giving "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and is also rehearsing "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet".—China Mail Special.

COALITION SOUGHT IN ITALY

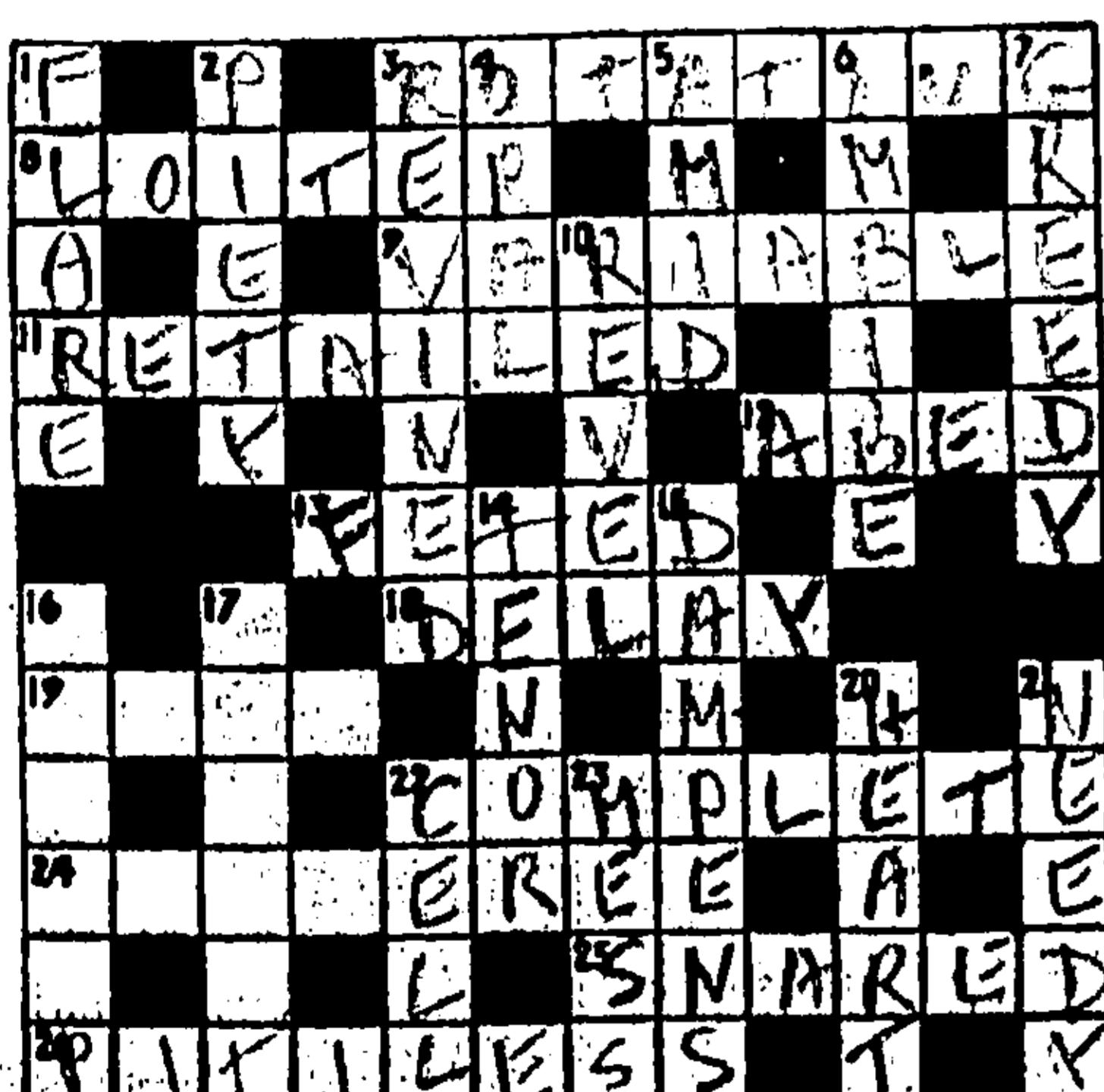
Rome, Feb. 1. The leader of the Social Democratic Party, Giuseppe Saragat, conferred with Liberal and Christian Democratic politicians today in an effort to determine whether a coalition can be formed to end Italy's government crisis.

Sigmar Saragat, whose Party has 19 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, opened consultations with other Party leaders while President Luigi Einaudi was holding similar conversations to end the crisis caused by the rejection of Amintore Fanfani as premier. Sigmar Fanfani was defeated by a Parliamentary vote of 303 to 200.

Sigmar Saragat's consultations were designed to determine whether the Social Democrats could make a Centre Party coalition work in Italy for the first time since June.

If his efforts fail, the Social Democrats may drift toward collaboration with the Left Wing Socialists and the Communists, driving the Christian Democrats toward the Right Wing Monarchs.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Revolving (6).
- 8 Hung round (6).
- 9 Changeable (8).
- 11 Bold (8).
- 13 Resting (4).
- 13 Entertained (5).
- 18 Put off (6).
- 19 Absent (4).
- 22 Entire (8).
- 23 Breakfast dish (8).
- 25 Trapped (6).
- 26 Without pity (8).

DOWN

- 1 Binge up (6).
- 2 Godlessness (5).
- 3 Rafted (7).
- 4 Spoken (4).
- 5 In (4).
- 6 Drink (6).
- 7 Avaricious (6).
- 8 Jealousy (6).
- 10 Pursuit (5).
- 11 Discourages (7).
- 12 Complain (6).
- 13 Brigand (6).
- 14 Confine (6).
- 15 Necessary (6).
- 16 Prison room (4).
- 17 Distress (4).
- 18 Complete (6).
- 19 Free (4).
- 20 Snared (6).
- 21 Trifles (7).
- 22 Delay (6).
- 23 Complete (6).
- 24 Cried (6).
- 25 Snared (6).
- 26 Trifles (7).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Remington, 7 Piano, 8 Advocate, 10 Canute, 13 Attempt, 15 Loud, 17 Attarane, 18 Flute, 20 Achin, 21 Tavern, 26 Delate, 27 Luckless, 28 Trade, 29 Suspends. Down: 1 Mocco, 2 Bonet, 3 Razin, 4 Dris, 5 Bedon, 6 Rascia, 7 D'Epere, 11 Arde, 12 Tease, 14 Trich, 15 Label, 16 Agent, 18 Ruth, 19 Shrike, 21 Yester, 22 Relate, 24 Envoy, 25 Rico.

NEARS

St. Trinian's New Headmistress—But Girls Who?

Russia Must Change If Tension Is To Be Reduced

Washington, Feb. 1. The Brookings Institution, unofficial policy research group, said yesterday the danger of war remained a constant factor in the evaluation of East versus West relations, and warned against continued growth of tension among Western free nations.

In a book surveying the "major problems of United States foreign policy," the institution said that a relaxation in the world situation could only come about through a fundamental shift of motivations within the Soviet regime itself.

The book undertook to survey national and world events and trends of opinion during the last 18 months as they affect foreign policy decisions.

"Against this will, a peace-loving segment of the world finds itself compelled to meet the contingency of further and more terrible war because a so-called state of non-war is proving more bitter and exasperating, at least to some, than the recollection of past wars," the book said.

"Yet it is recognised on the part of peace-loving nations that war is probably no solution for anything."

POSITIVE ACTION

The Brookings Institution suggested a positive statement of United States objectives in achieving a collective system of international peace and security, to embrace the following points:

1. The United States will continue to strive for the establishment of governments in Eastern Europe and the Far East based upon the principles of Article 1 in the United Nations Charter.

2. The United States will continue to strengthen the free world until the principles of the Charter are effectively operative with respect to all nations that have undertaken to respect them.

3. The United States will continue to take positive action to prevent aggression wherever it may occur and to defeat it wherever it may occur.

Appraising the trend of relations among the Western free nations during the last 18 months, the Brookings Institution said:

"The power of decision and hence the capacity to influence the general courses of action of the United States, Great Britain, and France is no longer as obviously concentrated in American hands as has been the case for some time past.

"Similarly, the capacity of these three States to set a direction for the entire free world has been reduced by the obvious wish of some of the other free nations to regain more freedom of action.

"Finally, and in support of these tendencies, now political forces have been set in motion in many of the free nations that have resulted in the dispersal of political power and influence through wider ranges of domestic opinion in these states.

"Hence the freedom of action of the governments of the major nations of the free world has tended to become circumscribed, and the freedom of action of the United States has become correspondingly limited."

JAPAN'S ROLE

With regard to Japan's role in the world political situation, the Brookings Institution's book said:

"For the United States, therefore, the general problem is to secure effective Japanese participation in co-operative action in the Far East; and this problem has two major aspects—the Japanese willingness to re-arm, and the maintenance of the Japanese economic base."

The book said that a major policy problem in the Middle East is to develop a broad course of action to establish a basis for relations with the Arab states that will strengthen the free world.—United Press.

No US Protest On Alleged MIG Attack

Washington, Feb. 1. A State Department spokesman said today no official protest would be made concerning the attack by a formation of MIG-15 jet fighters on a U.S. reconnaissance bomber off the coast of Korea on Jan. 22 because the nationality of the attacking crews was not known.

He added, however, that the United Nations Command might send a protest to the North Korean or Chinese Communist delegations to the Armistice Commission.

E-55 jet fighters guarding the attacked bomber engaged one of the MIGs and shot down one of the attacking crews.—United Press.

Former Dutch Agent Held In Djakarta

Djakarta, Feb. 1. A Dutchman, who formerly headed a Dutch intelligence service in Djakarta during the Dutch regime, was arrested here on Saturday, the news agency Antara reported today.

The report did not give his name. It said the information was available from an official source in the center for the defense.

This is the second recent Dutch arrest. earlier, the chief editor of "Dutch daily Vrijheid," a newspaper, was arrested. It was believed he was a military attaché and a member of the Dutch embassy to Indonesia, and was held incommunicado.

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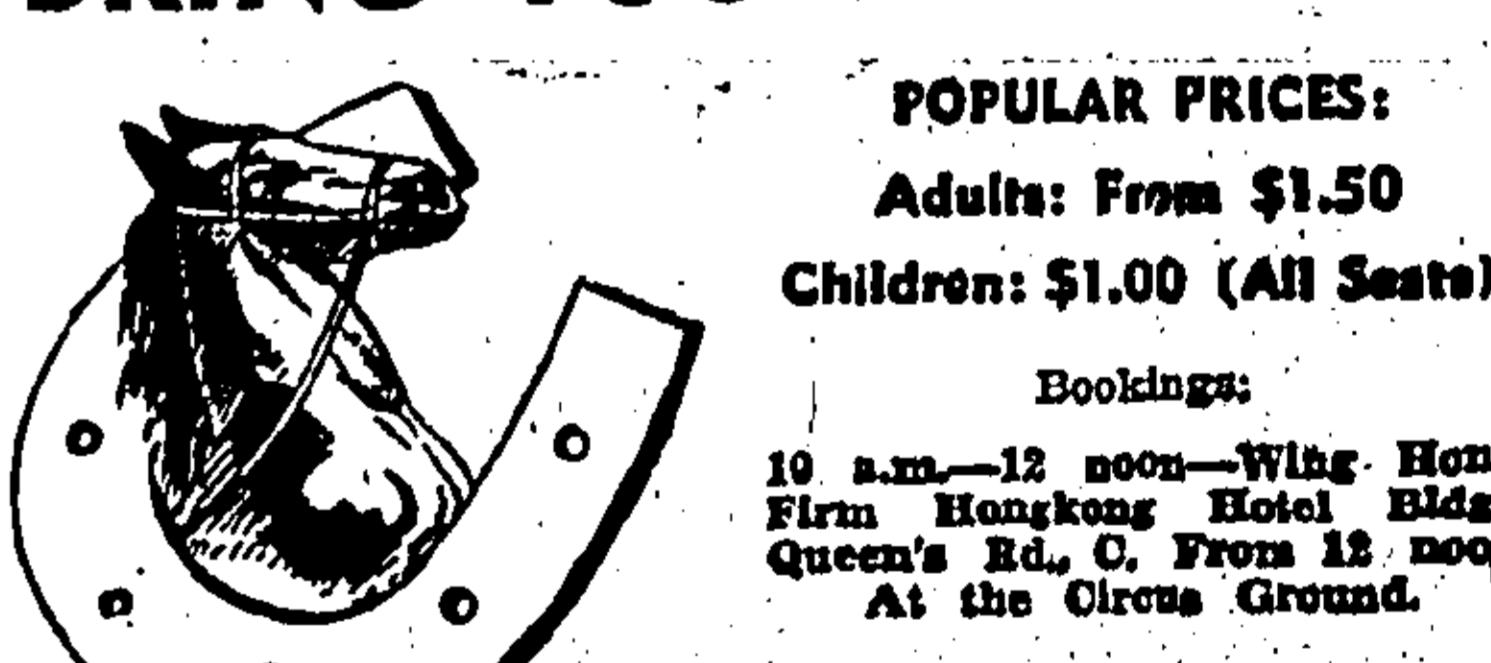
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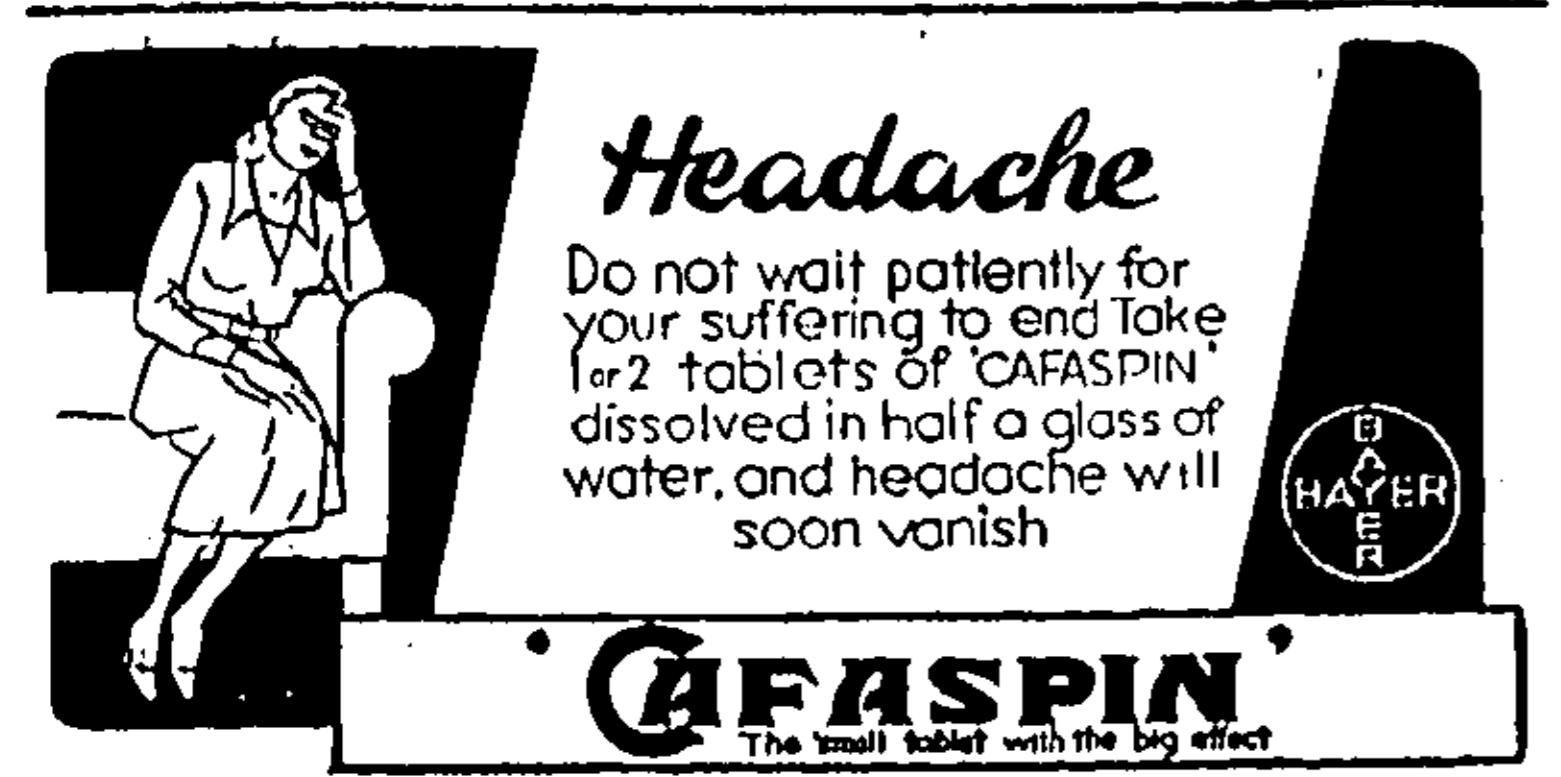




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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS I am now a convalescent with nothing to amuse me but the sheer joy of composing this I have been wondering what would be happening to me now if I were a polygamist married to three or four of the girls who write for women's magazines.

For on the subject of keeping the invalid happy they have written enough columns, which, if pasted end to end, would reach to all right, you've guessed it—the moon.

Instead of taking my nasty medicine at a gulp, which is the best way to take anything nasty, one of my wives would have thought it "more fun" if I sucked it through a straw.

Another whimsical wife would have thought it fun for me if she coloured my glass of milk pink with cochineal, though I would have thought it much more fun if she had coloured it yellow with whisky.

Another would have brought up surprise meals of junket "peppered with hundreds and thousands, the little sweets that amuse the liddies so much" and thin slices of bread and butter "rolled like Jam roly poly."

Yet another, believing me to be mentally retarded, would have hustled into the bedroom with an album, a pot of paste, scissors and all the Christmas cards.

I remember that once upon a time this wife wrote:

"If your hubby happens to be touchy and grumpy during his convalescence, as they often are, you must find him something simple and amusing to do."

The Man said: "No, it's my other daughter, Vi, who can't eat eggs and Marge who can't eat fish. One sniff at an egg and Vi comes out in a rash, and one mouthful of fish and Marge is rolling on the floor with knives in her stomach."

"Of course, I expect she takes after her Uncle George who made a fortune in the wet fish business, although he couldn't bear the sight of the stuff. In a way I suppose he was rather like Nelson who always felt ill at sea, because after 40 years feeling sick every day at Billingsgate he packed up and went to Australia. Or was it South Africa?"

I said I had no idea.

"No, I'm a liar," said The Man. "It was Canada, because I remember he went as far north as he could to get away from fish and then found the Eskimos digging fish out of the ice. In fact, what with the fish and the ice and the cold and the dark mornings it was so much like Billingsgate in the winter that he died of a broken heart and left all his money to a nephew who bought a fish restaurant in Walthamstow."

I would have pasted all over my fingers, and on the sheets, wool and hooks and canvas all

over the bed and probably a pair of lost scissors sticking into my behind.

For me, I prefer a book of plays (Mr Terence Rattigan, I have read all yours) and one wife, The Plucky Little Woman, bringing in yellow milk and sensible meals like grilled steaks, with Lottie the Devil Cat on the bed, snatching the best bits off the fork and spilling the gravy on the eiderdown.

Man In A Pub

"TO cut a long story short," said The Man in a pub, "I was sitting in the very same chair you're sitting in now when who should come in but old Fred. You remember old Fred? I said I had never heard of old Fred.

"Get along with you," said The Man, "old Fred's the one whose wife believes in reincarnation and goes about the house half naked because she thinks she was once beautiful slave in ancient Egypt. Of course, it's a bit difficult for old Fred especially when he has company because on one occasion, when the vicar called, she made up her mind she was once the original Eve."

"Naturally the vicar never called again, which is rough on old Fred as he's a bit on the religious side. But as I say you never know what women are going to do next. There was my daughter Marge who took up yoga and caused a bit of trouble with the milkman by standing stripped to the waist in front of her open bedroom window every morning."

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Smoggies For Doggies

A WOMAN reader asks an editor, "Where can I buy an anti-smog mask for my bulldog? He suffered cruelly in The Great Fog, and I am sure that owners of other short-nosed breeds are faced with the same problem."

Well, dear, although you have my deepest sympathy, I can't help feeling that the owners of other types of doggies are faced with even greater problems.

I gather that your main difficulty is to fit a smog mask (or smoggie) to a doggie with practically no nose. But I think you will see that it is easier to tie a mask to a doggie with no more than a couple of nostrils than to tie one to a doggie with a long nose like an ant-eater.

You must have noticed that doggies with very long noses usually have very small heads, so that any mask tied behind the ears would slip off. If you tied the mask round its muzzle it would be unable to open its mouth, and if it couldn't breathe properly through the mask, might choke to death. Which would be a pity.

You must also remember the difficulties of people who own tiny doggies not much bigger than insects. Fitting a mask to them would be as dangerous as fitting a mask to a mad bull.

Finally, there are doggies that are so hairy all over that it is difficult, even in broad daylight, to tell which end is which. Think what a pair of socks you would look if you tied the smoggie to the wrong end of the doggie and didn't know which was either of you was going in the doggie.

He noted that crime and particularly violent crime had increased on the increase. But he did not say that the population had also increased, and that the statistics were poor ones, showing that there were two and



"Boy Tom and Boy Dick are discussing Berlin Peace Conference."

"MY FRIENDS, THE STARS"

I Have Coffee With Edward G. Robinson

THÈ unusual is taken for granted in Beverly Hills — probably because so many unusual people live in this small, sun-kissed town.

No factories spew their supercilious smoke into the heavens. There are no oil refineries within miles, and even the incinerators in the backyards do not sully the atmosphere.

Drop in on an evening and you'll meet Tony Curtis and his wife, Janet Leigh, with Jerry Lewis and his wife, in dinner clothes, having coffee and a sandwich after a premiere.

Late afternoon. There's Walter Pidgeon in white flannels and a Hadley cashmere pullover, having tea after tennis with the professional, Frank Feltrop.

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The tennis courts are surrounded by 10-foot high hedges and fences. Most movie people don't like to be watched when being taught or when playing with the professional.

Walter Pidgeon takes his tennis seriously.

I have played with him a few times, and it is almost catastrophic when he misses a service or drives into the net. But he's a good sport, enjoys a hard game, and plays daily when he isn't at work in the studio.

Hawthorne School on Rexford Drive is one to which many children of movie stars go. Eleanor Parker's six-year-old walks to school with her English nanny, and Eleanor always attends the school parties. Van Johnson's children attend, and Van helps at the school circus and fair which raises funds for the Parents-Teachers Association.

Groucho, Harpo and Chico Marx come to the high school parties and put on some of their famous sketches.

It's sad that they are no longer making movies. Groucho is a

place to see the nimrods

and the hunting, fishing and shooting set is Alex Kerr's sporting goods store on Wilshire Boulevard.

There's usually an outdoor grill or barbecue beside the pool, or as at the James Mason's, there's a complete kitchen, with electric washing machine, electric garbage disposal and an electric dish washer, as well as a frig.

One of my neighbours, James Pendleton, a designer and interior decorator, married to a millionnaire, has a circular swimming pool in the grounds of his house with a pavilion that will seat 30.

Around the pool are chairs covered in purple, yellow, blue and crimson canvas or plastic.

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Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Robert Stack, Ray Milland, Robert Mitchum, James Stewart and his wife, Gloria, Barton MacLane, Fred MacMurray, Rory Calhoun, Cameron Mitchell, Stewart Granger, Walter Pidgeon, Robert Taylor and Will Rogers, Jr., are among his customers.

Oh, I mustn't forget John Wayne, who spends a fortune on cameras and guns at Alex Kerr's. Last month, "Duke" Wayne bought a pair of matched Purdy shotguns, a trifle of a thousand guineas for the pair.

In Coffee Dan's across the road, you'll meet many players who come in for coffee and biscuits at about 10 in the morning before seeing their agents and managers, many of whom have palatial offices in Beverly Hills.

One such office building, that of MCA—Music Corporation of America, agent for the top bands, top directors, producers, writers and stars and players, is built like a Southern Colonial mansion in white-painted brick.

There isn't an art gallery or a museum in Beverly Hills. This MCA building is one of the compensations.

If you have the right introduction you can visit the Harold Lloyd estate, one of the finest in America.

I've swum in the pool which is big enough to have a couple of rowing boats in, is about 250 feet long and has a waterfall at one end. He has a tennis court in the lower grounds and one in the upper estate and a nine-hole golf course designed by Sandy Cooper, formerly one of the better professionals.

There are formal Italian gardens and charming English rose gardens, several orchards and a series of greenhouses for his orchid collection. You could spend many days at the Harold Lloyd place, living in one of the five tub-bungalows, and never see your host.

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FANLING GOLF

The following are the starting times for tomorrow and Thursday at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's old and new courses:

TOMORROW

Old Course - 8.06 a.m. H. G. Smith - A. V. White; 9.28, J. Linklater; J. O. Pote; 10.28, R. Brookhouse; 11. M. Adam; 10, O. L. Jones - W. I. Bain. New Course - 9.02 a.m. A. M. L. King; Mrs. Orange; 9.06, G. M. P. La Roche; P. A. La Roche; 9.26, F. G. Hart; 10.26, R. Chisholm; 11.26, R. Anderson; 12.26, W. N. Gray; 9.22, Y. T. Tweedie; S. Allen; 10.30, D. L. Anderson; Mrs. W. N. Gray; 10.34, D. Seville; Mrs. I. C. Saville; 10.48, J. D. Miller; Mrs. J. D. Miller.

THURSDAY

Old Course - 9 a.m. F. C. Bradle; E. C. Brown; 9.04, A. V. White; 11. M. Lee; 9.08, R. P. French; 12.15, Oliphant; 12, J. R. Billingsley; 12.45, C. Knight; 10.10, D. Shaw; 11.20, A. B. Coleman; 10.20, P. A. La Roche; 11.30, R. Chisholm; 12.30, W. N. Gray; 11.32, W. Smalley; 12.32, J. Linklater; 10.30, R. Wilbourn; 11.30, F. G. Hart; 12.30, D. L. Anderson; 9.44, W. N. Gray; 10.44, Cable & Wireless Ltd.; Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews; 9.42, H. L. French; 10.42, Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Coombes; 11.42, H. R. Coombes; 10.42, H. P. Taggart; 12.42, R. Hyde; 10.04, A. D. Jones; 11.04, W. T. Tompson; 10.12, Dr. J. D. Miller; 11.12, Mrs. J. D. Miller.

LADIES' SECTION

The draw for the Bronze Division Championship is as follows: - Mrs. L. L. Leach; Mrs. N. Latimer; Mrs. K. Goldman; Mrs. P. La Roche; 1st Round - Mrs. M. Vaughan; Mrs. M. Gray; Mrs. D. Anderson; Mrs. M. Dawson-Grove; Mrs. M. Tippin; Mrs. J. Johnston; Mrs. M. Van Touw; Mrs. D. Boeke; Mrs. F. Wilson; Mrs. D. Stoker; Mrs. D. Gordon.

Bye into the second round - Mrs. V. L. Moore; Mrs. M. L. Hunter; Mrs. D. Hunter; Mrs. M. L. Hunter. 1st Round to be played by Friday, Feb. 13; 2nd Round to be played by Thursday, Feb. 20; 3rd Round to be played by Tuesday, March 4; Semi-final to be played by Thursday, March 11; Final to be played by Thursday, March 18.

Winners of Competitions played in January are: Monthly Medal Silver Division - Mrs. D. Birthistle; 90-in net - 92, Mrs. D. Hunter.

Bronze Division - Mrs. D. Hunter - 90-23 net 67.

Captain's Cup Qualifying Round - Mrs. M. F. Vaughan; 90-11 net 67.

The Metal Competition played on Tuesday, January 13 was won by Mrs. Dawson-Grove in the Silver Division; and the Gold Competition on the New Course by Mrs. M. Vaughan with 90-29 net 66.

The Sweep on that day was won by Mrs. P. Robinson on the Old Course and by Mrs. S. Bravard on the New Course. Bogeys were won in the Silver Division by Mrs. J. B. Mackie with a score of one up on the Old Course, and Mrs. A. E. Jenkins in the Bronze Division with a score of 6 up on the New Course.

The Shanghai Fourpoints played on Tuesday, January 20 was won by Mrs. D. Anderson and Mrs. P. Hartman with a score of one up against Bogeys.

An entry list has been posted indicating entries for the competition which will be played on Thursday, March 4 and also for the match against an R.A.F. team to be played on Saturday, February 28.

A notice has been issued giving the programme for fixtures of the Spring Meeting to be held in March. Members are asked to make a note of the dates and to attend their games for these events.

For the month of February there is a running medal for both Silver and Bronze Divisions to be won in the New Course only. Players may take out six cards if desired during the month. The competition for the Chinese New Year Cup is a Bogeys on the New Course, one card only to be taken either tomorrow or Saturday, February 28. Mr. J. B. Mackie won the Captain's Cup - 1953 (Ladies' Section) and Mrs. Dawson-Grove was runner-up.

Scottish Cup Second Round Draw

London, Feb. 1. The draw for the second round of the Scottish Cup, made today, resulted as follows:

Berwick Rangers v. Ayr United. Coldstream v. Ruth Rovers. Rangers v. Kilmarnock. Third Lanark or Stevenhouse-mur v. Berwick Vale. Albion Rovers v. Dundee. Queen of the South v. Forfar Athletic. Morton v. Cowdenbeath. Falkirk v. Celtic. Sterling Albion v. Arbroath. Duns v. Aberdeen. Hibernian v. Clyde. Brechin City v. Inverness Thistle or Hamilton Academicals. Tariff Rovers v. Partick Thistle. Peebles Rovers v. Buckie Thistle. Motherwell v. Dunfermline Athletic. Erskineburgh v. Hearts.

Matches are to be played on Saturday, February 13, with replays, if necessary, in the following mid-week. - Reuters.

ON THE RECORD Background To The Mystery Of The 1½-Mile Race Walk

Having missed the very first race walker confronted with an obstacle like a ditch that is too wide to be stepped over expected to sink his heel and then his toe into it?

Mr Kennedy Skipton is thinking of applying for a Colony record for the 1½ miles road walk and the application would, indeed, have to be considered.

The very consideration of it, however, presents problems that are almost insurmountable.

Unless we are wrong, ratification requires measurement of the whole course with a steel tape. It is not improbable that the Hon. Recorder, assisted by experienced HKAAA members with a sense of duty, may be persuaded to undertake the task of measuring the course.

It was all most confusing. Until yesterday afternoon we were all considerably puzzled as to what had been going on, so far as to why, Kennedy Skipton, Medhurst & Co. had escaped punishment. The next two laps saw runners and walkers passing the finishing post judges in varying numerical strength and time-keepers attempting to hurry the walkers on to get out of the way of the runners completing their last lap.

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"POYANG"		9 p.m.	6th Feb.
"YOKOHAMA"	Yokohama, Nagoya,	9 p.m.	6th Feb.
"OMATA & KOB		9 p.m.	6th Feb.
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BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

	Marseilles, Liverpool	Leeds	Sails
"PYRRHUS"	5th Feb.	6th Feb.	
"EUMAEUS"	13th Feb.	14th Feb.	
"ASCANIUS"	23rd Feb.	24th Feb.	
"AGAPENOR"	24th Feb.	25th Feb.	
"PELEUS"	5th Mar.	6th Mar.	

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails	Sails	Arrives
S. "AGAPENOR"	Sailed	Sailed	Hong Kong
G. "PELEUS"	do	do	13th Feb.
S. "AUTOMEDON"	do	do	25th Feb.
G. "ATREUS"	do	—	28th Feb.
S. "BELLEROPHON"	3rd Feb.	—	10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	7th Feb.	13th Feb.	14th Mar.
S. "ALCINOUS"	18th Feb.	—	25th Mar.
G. "ANTILLOCHUS"	24th Feb.	—	26th Mar.

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	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Arr. H.R.
"BATAAN"	Sailed	Sailed	15th Feb.
"MUNCASTER CASTLE"	— do —	5th Feb.	16th Mar.
"TELEMACHUS"	— do —	16th Feb.	18th Mar.
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"MANGALORE"	25th Feb.	19th Mar.	7th Apr.

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Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1954.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of ALBERT EDWARD TAYLOR and the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Company Director, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 11 of the Probate and Administration Ordinance, Chapter 10, made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of February, 1954.

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Hongkong, February 1, 1954.

Russia Gives East-West Trade Top Priority Now

Berlin, Feb. 1.

Urgent Soviet appeals for the revival of East-West trade have revealed pressing economic needs as well as plans to undermine the dollar's dominant position in world economy, Western sources said today.

With a third of the world's population, the Communists account for about 7.8 per cent of the total world trade, but most of it is transacted among the Communist countries themselves.

Since the cold war opened, Russian exports to the free world have been maintained on the same level—they were \$440,000,000 in 1950. And after a temporary fall they are now back to the same level.

SUFFERED SEVERELY

But the European satellites have suffered severely.

Their total exports to the free world have dropped in the same period from about \$1,000,000,000 to some \$650,000,000.

Moscow has streamlined trade inside the Communist bloc, and diverted much of what used to go to the West to its own European nations.

Official Western figures and estimates, however, reveal the following picture:

Of the world's total annual exports of more than \$19,000,000,000, only some \$5,000,000,000 worth comes from the Communist world.

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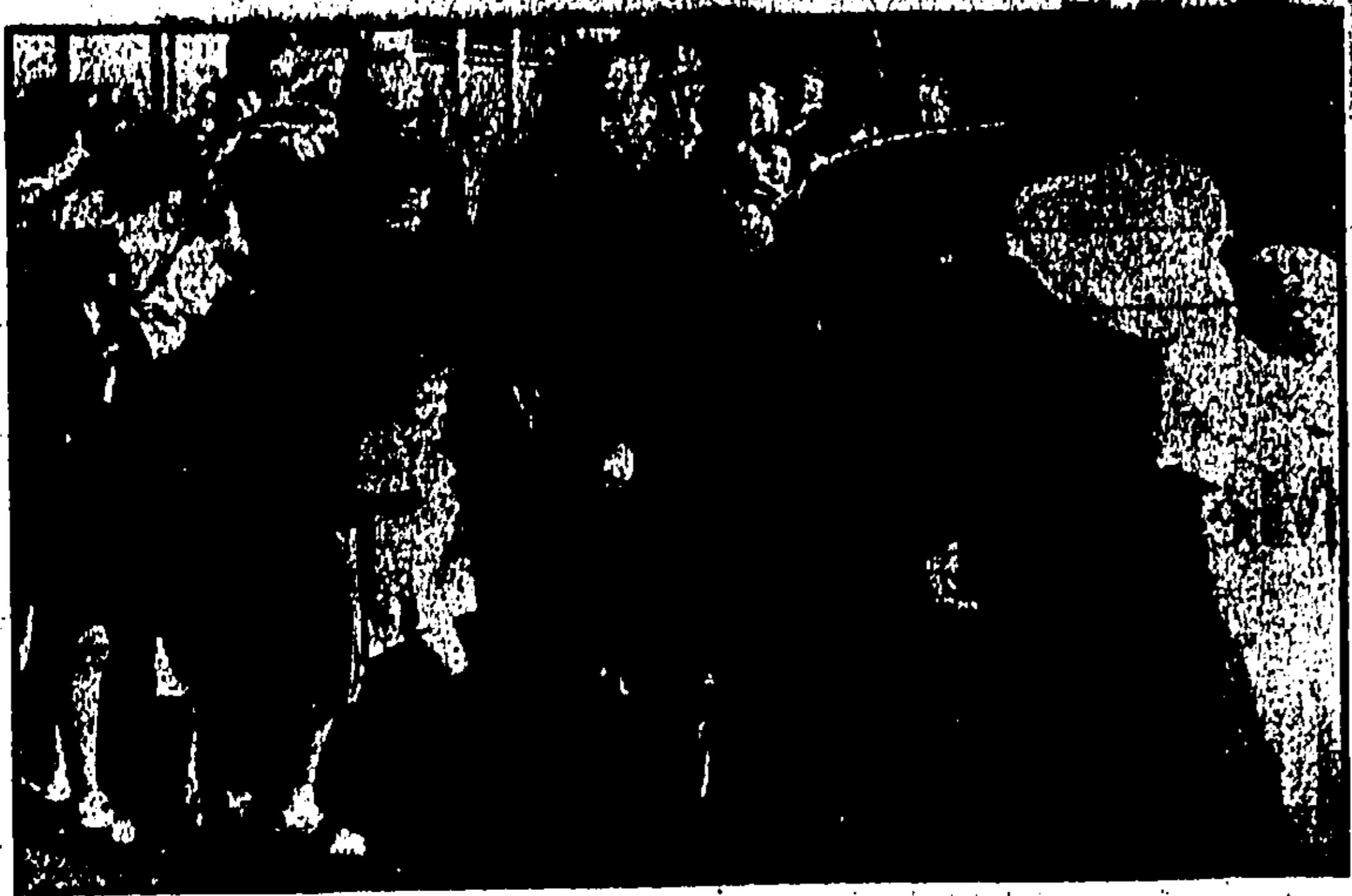
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The Duke of Edinburgh squeezing his way through the crowds which packed round the royal car outside the NELSON INSTITUTE during the royal visit to NELSON, New Zealand.

Japan's New Campaign For The Return Of Ryukyu And Bonin Islands

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

A new strain is being put on relations between the United States and Japan by a campaign here for return of the American-administered Ryukyu and Bonin Islands.

On one of them, Okinawa, the United States has built her biggest Far Eastern bomber base, with runways long enough to launch bombers whose range would include Moscow.

Japanese press publicity for the return of the Ryukyu Island chain, stretching 1,000 miles south towards Formosa, has been redoubled since the United States returned the less strategic Amami Oshima Islands on Christmas Day.

Celal Bayar Says:

Capitalism Is Best For Improving Lot Of Poor

New York, Feb. 1.
President Celal Bayar of Turkey declared tonight that his country has "shown the world" that capitalism is the best system for improving the lot of a poor nation.

Climaxing a day in which he visited the United Nations, received an enthusiastic welcome from New York City and was given an honorary degree by Columbia University, President Bayar spoke at a dinner in his honour in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, given by the American-Turkish Society.

"We have shown the world that the economic system called capitalism, which is based on private enterprise, is the best system to be employed in rehabilitating a country that is economically backward, provided, of course, that the principles of social justice are never lost from view," he said.

Turkey, like the United States, he said, is convinced that civilisation can progress only in an atmosphere of freedom and democracy."

The President added that Turkey felt "honoured" to stand side by side with the United States in the fight against oppression.

He invited private enterprise to invest in Turkey.

Mr. Bayar explained that Turkey is unable to carry the entire burden of maintaining a 400,000-man army and needs outside help in the form of such investment. He said his country had begun to adopt measures to encourage foreign capital to help in its economic development.

"Turkey, who belongs to the world believing in the freedom of the individual, private enterprise, the sacredness of the independence of nations, and the indivisibility of social and political peace, has a common frontier with the world which holds the opposite opinion, and for this reason she is in the position of a pivot," he said.

United States Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, who also spoke, predicted that Turkish-American friendship would grow stronger. He said he was convinced that President Eisenhower shared this belief.

"Perhaps more than anything else, we Americans admire the self-discipline and steadiness of purpose which characterises this Turkish nation," Mr. Nixon said.

The Islands were placed under American administration in the Japanese Peace Treaty and the United States may retain control of them as long as she sees fit.

President Eisenhower in his State of the Union message on January 7 made demands in Japan by saying that the United States would retain control of the Ryukyu "definitely."

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Katsu Oizumi, said on Christmas Day that he would be neglecting his duty to the Japanese people if he did not press the United States for consideration of claims for the return of the Ryukyu.

The Japanese press here gives a picture of bent, straw-hatted, Ryukyuan - Japanese farmers tilling the barely arable land of the Islands and hardy fishermen in the coastal villages with something more than their crop and their catch to talk about these days.

They say that among the Ryukyu's 800,000 inhabitants talk now centres on how long they must wait before they are once more administered from Tokyo, instead of Washington.

Optimistic Prophecies

Alongside these impressions are optimistic prophecies that the return of the Amami Oshima Islands is only a prelude to the early return of the Ryukyu and the nearby Bonin Islands.

As far as United States officials here are concerned, these prophecies have no foundation in fact.

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Japanese officials, he added, continue to make optimistic forecasts, seeming to ignore purposely American statements that no transfer of the Islands is contemplated in the foreseeable future.

The Bonin Islands have even less to offer. Their present population of 7,000 has today dwindled to about 140.

Both groups can be expected to remain under United States control as long as the Far Eastern situation remains troubled.

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Little Different

One of the strongest Japanese arguments is that Japanese administrative control would not interfere with American military control. It is stressed that American forces remained in Japan after the Occupation and will now remain in the Amami Oshima Islands.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

TO ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BUT BRITAIN

AMERICAN F.O.A. PROGRAMME

"A FIASCO"

After Six Months Only A Few Small Sales

By Sydney S. Campbell, Reuter's Financial Editor

London, Feb. 1. Within the limits of avoiding prejudice to other exporting countries, it seems impossible for the U.S. to sell any sizable values of surpluses. Last October the Foreign Operations Administration set a target of \$175 million of sales for foreign currencies, midway between the Act's minimum of \$100 million and maximum of \$250 million.

Of the \$175 million, \$180 million was earmarked for Europe, including a tentative idea of something less than \$80 million for Britain. So far, allocations to Britain total \$72 million, and sales to Britain have reached \$61 million, comprising tobacco \$20 million, frozen beef \$17 million, cottonseed oil \$11 million, lard \$8 million and prunes \$6 million.

Another purchase of lard may absorb about \$6 million of the remaining \$11 million, but there is no indication yet of how the rest of the \$11 million, or any further allocations, can be spent.

To all countries other than Britain, the programme so far has been a fiasco. Allocations to all the countries of Continental Europe total only \$10 million. Six months after the passage of the Act, the grand total of actual sales, to all the friendly countries in the world except Britain, is \$2 million of soybeans to Germany.

There have been rumours that other sales would be made, including soybeans to Norway; cottonseed oil to Holland, France and Germany; and unspecified commodities to Belgium, Italy and Greece. So far, nothing has come of them.

The fiasco can hardly be due to any difficulty in making use of the local currencies. Britain and the U.S. long ago agreed on the necessary accountancy fixings for satisfying Congress that such sterling is used for the mutual defence effort.

SOME RIGMAROLE. Congress and the farmers have been banking heavily on Section 550 to dispose of large parts of U.S. dumping. Because of her rice crop failures, Japan lately has been one of the very few active buyers of grain (almost the only really active one), and the other countries need the market.

Congress and the farmers have been banking heavily on Section 550 to dispose of large parts of U.S. surpluses. Officials of the FOA were dispiritedly expecting to tell Congress of their experience, which shows that the U.S. can either dump its surpluses or keep them but cannot get rid of large amounts without resorting to what the other exporting countries (and some of the U.S. officials themselves) would regard as dumping.

It is all very well to say that the U.S. merely wants to regain its normal share of the export market (or, as in the case of wool, its normal home market).

Instead of holding an umbrella over its competitors, it does not look like that to the competitors. Instead of excusing themselves for underutilising the Section 550 appropriations, the FOA officials are now faced with the prospect of having to find markets for a further \$1,000 million. It cannot be done unless the new law is drafted, or applied, with far less regard for other supplying countries.

Washington's intent is not to get some mutual security on the cheap but to get rid of some surpluses. Outside Britain, it evidently is intensely difficult to do, without cutting into the existing markets of the U.S. and other friendly countries.

The biggest outlet so far mooted is the sale of about \$50 million (about half a million tons) of U.S. wheat and barley to Japan for yen, to relieve the effect of the failure of Japan's rice crop. Without some such bulk deals, it will be very difficult to make up a world total of even \$175 million.

The song is obvious. Japan has been buying wheat and barley in substantial quantities not only from the U.S. but also from Canada and Argentina, and she is one of Australia's traditional markets. Putting half a million tons of U.S. grain into Japan for yen would make other

countries decline sharply to dominate an otherwise quiet and irregular situation in leading commodity markets today.

Loses in grains ranged to almost four cents a bushel.

The decline reflected slow export and domestic demand and fairly large cash arrivals at terminals.

At Chicago, wheat closed off 1½ to 2 cents; soybeans off ¼ to ¾ cents.

At Winnipeg, wheat was priced at 180 cents per bushel for No. 3 Northern, and for No. 5, it was at 165 cents.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 1. World No. 4 sugar futures to close three to eight points higher on trade buying and short covering. Sales totalled 725 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to two points higher with sales of 325 contracts. Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)	Contract No. 6 (world)
May 5.47	May 5.23
June 5.50	June 5.20
Sept. 5.72	Sept. 5.70
Oct. 5.70	Oct. 5.70
Mar. 5.40	Mar. 5.40
Apr. 5.40	Apr. 5.40
May 5.40	May 5.40
June 5.40	June 5.40
Sept. 5.40	Sept. 5.40
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Economist At Large

THE tall young West African pushed through the swing-doors into the National Assistance Board office, and sauntered over to the counter.

"Mornin' all," he said affably, and pulling his dog-eared credentials from his pocket, thrust them towards the clerk on the farther side of the counter.

"Pay day, eh?" he said, grinning. "My, but does the cost-of-livin' Index want some livin' up to?"

He lolled on the counter and looked round at the austere, familiar surroundings. He was a lean, rather handsome man, named Simon, with the studious air of an intellectual.

QUIET AT HOME

IT was some time since Simon had studied, though. Some time since he had done any work. For 15 months he had allowed the tax-payers of Britain the privilege of supporting him.

He sat at home in the Assistance office as if it had been his club.

"Come on, mister," he said, "if you takes much longer payin' me, dat ol' cost-of-livin' Index'll be up another point."

He was something of an economist, Simon, and he put back his head and roared at his joke. Then he looked at the clerk, and heard what the clerk was saying. The grin came off Simon's face.

"There's no money for you," the clerk was saying; "I can give you your bus fare to the reception centre, but that's all."

FIGHT WITH POLICE

THE reception centre is the place provided for those to live who overset the limits of the public's hospitality. A kind of minus-four-star hotel for the chronically work-shy.

"Ah don't want no bus fares," Simon said. "Ah want moh money and ah's stayin' right here till ah get it, see."

They tried to make him go, but he would not. The police were called, and when two officers came to persuade him to leave, Simon fought them for his right to stay.

Next morning, at the Clerkenwell court, he was charged with assaulting the police and with using insulting behaviour whereby a breach of the peace might have been caused. He pleaded not guilty.

ANY QUESTIONS?

THE police told their story. Mr Frank Powell, the magistrate, asked Simon: "Any questions?"

"Yes, sir," said Simon. "What was yo' primary function or purpose in comin', and if so was it irrespective of what yo' found me doin'?" he asked the officer.

"We come to put you out, if you would not go on your own," said the policeman.

"They didn't give me no money, eh?" said Simon, "an' ah'd nowhere to go, had I?"

"The officer didn't know about that," said the magistrate. "Do you want to come into the witness-box yourself?"

"Sure," said Simon.

THERE'S A LIMIT'

"WHAT are you?" the magistrate asked him.

"Well, ah come here in 1948 and served with de Air Force. Den subsequently ah was a clerk with de railways, mo' subsequently ah was studyin' accountancy an' allied subjects den economics, till October 1952."

"You could be sent to prison for six months," said the magistrate, "but I shall discharge you conditionally. We all know you would have preferred to have money rather than the fare to the hotel, but there's limit to the amount of public money that can be handed out. In future you must do what they tell you in these places."

"Uh-uh," said Simon—and he went thoughtfully away, as he was saddened by the flaw he had discovered in the economics of the welfare state.

MAIL BAG ROBBERY

London, Feb. 1. A mail bag to be delivered to the Crown Jewellers was stolen from a Post Office van here today—the second mail van robbery in the past ten days.

An official of the jewellery firm Messrs Garrard & Co., Ltd., Regent Street, said he did not know what the bag contained. "It could be registered packets of jewellery or money or orders."

"We understood there were about 22 parcels in the bag, which may have been articles sent by people from any part of the country to us."

"It will be at least a week before we can find out what is missing."

Scotland Yard and Post Office officials are making inquiries at the depot from which the van collected the mail.

"Ten days ago bandits stole not only mail bags but a mail van itself containing £13,000—China Mail Special."

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Blackmail Charge By Roosevelt

(Continued from Page 1)

from malaria at the time, or he now recognises as blackmail. He was extremely serious as he spoke to a jammed press conference. He said his wife had made her charges without regard to the effect they had on the persons named, their families or friends.

The eldest son of the late President, his customary smile absent, said he owed an especial apology to the nine persons named in a letter dated February 27, 1945, which Mrs Roosevelt filed in connection with her separate maintenance suit.

"Each and every one of them is completely innocent of any misconduct with me," he said. "The harm which has been done there can never be repaired, but I can and do emphasise their innocence and ask their forgiveness."

Prior to the reading of the prepared statement of denial to the initially charges, Roosevelt told assembled reporters that while he was releasing his supporters in the race for the seat in the 28th Congressional District, he still had not completely retired from the contest.

In the statement itself, Roosevelt said he hoped that the persons whose names were listed in the letter understood "my actions were done under compulsion."

"Until very recently," he stated, continued, "I had fully accepted my wife's statement to me that all such documents had been destroyed."

Roosevelt charged his wife with having an "indefatigable demand for material security."

He added that from the beginning of their marriage she had developed "an increasing fear and jealousy of anybody with whom I came in contact."

He then charged her with conducting a calculated campaign to transfer to her "every material asset that I owned."

He said this campaign was carried on under the "constant threat to accuse me of imaginary infidelity to those with whom I had contact in my normal life."

In explaining the letter he signed in 1945, he said his wife repeatedly demanded that he acknowledge "these imaginary happenings" and, as he quoted her, "purge my soul". He said he was given no alternative and Mrs Roosevelt promised that if he once did as she demanded they could begin their marital life anew.—United Press.

FEEL RELIEVED

Honolulu, Feb. 1.

Two Honolulu society women, both of whom were mentioned in the James Roosevelt divorce action, said today that they were "very pleased" and "quite relieved" to hear of Roosevelt's death.

Mrs Julia Waterhouse Damon called the episode "the most bewildering thing I've ever experienced."

Mrs Richard C. Durant said that she was relieved that Roosevelt made his explanation and apology, but added that this did not "exonerate him from responsibility for smearing innocent persons in order to extricate himself from his personal problems."—United Press.

A REMARKABLE NEW MATERIAL



With the searing flame of an acetylene burner only an inch or so from his face, Italian inventor Angela Scenotti has perfect confidence in the insulation properties of the material demonstrated in London recently. The material is Seconde, claimed to be an entirely new product to resist fire and acids, and as an insulating material, as a building material, a filter to separate light oils from water, in the protection of tanks against explosions and to dispense with a petrol pump or carburetor in the standard petrol engine. This was the first British demonstration of the versatile material.—London Express.

Narriman Denies New Romance

Cairo, Feb. 1.

Former Queen Narriman said today she could not think of a new romance now because her heart had not yet healed from the wounds inflicted by ex-King Farouk.

The 19-year-old beauty lost her throne, her husband and her child, two-year old Fuad Ahmed who was king for nine months.

The former Queen goes to court tomorrow for a final divorce decree which gives custody of Fuad to the portly ex-King, now touring Alpine ski resorts with an 18-year-old Italian beauty.

(Farouk and Irma Caprice, a Naples beauty queen, left Saint Vincent, Italy, today for another Alpine resort at Cervinia, Farouk refused to comment on the reports from Cairo. "I've been very happy here at Saint Vincent," he told newsmen. "I am so pleased with the family atmosphere of this town which is so unlike the exaggerated swankiness of other places I have visited.")

Narriman, interviewed at her home in Hellipoli outside Cairo, displayed a dry-eyed grief that had its beginnings in 1951 when Farouk won her away from a young student.

THE ONLY COMFORT

"My only comfort is the memory of my son," she said. She signed an agreement yesterday giving custody of Fuad to Farouk but permitting her to visit her son in Italy as often as she wishes. She also gave up her demands for \$15,000 monthly alimony.

"Only yesterday when I signed the agreement my heart ached anew," she said. "Memories of the difficult and hard times I had with Farouk came back to me."

She denied reports of any new romance and said she could not think of one "because my wounded heart has not yet healed." Asked about movie idol Farid El Atrash, with whom

Pannunjom Talks Proposal

Washington, Feb. 1. Well-informed circles believed today that the United Nations would accept, in principle, the Communist proposal for a resumption of the preliminary talks at Pannunjom.

These circles believed that the text of the UN reply to the Communist proposal was approved during the week-end by the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States and France.

The Communist Comittee had proposed Feb. 1 as the date for resuming the preliminary talks for a political conference on Korea.

Teheran today, "State Department sources had said that the UN reply would be drafted shortly.—France-Press.

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Probe Into Men's Death From Sunstroke

Washington, Feb. 1.

Two fathers testified today that a Marine Corps training hike during a summer heat wave caused the deaths of their sons and may have resulted in permanent injury to half of the 538 others.

Simultaneously, the Marine Corps disclosed that as a result of the incident it ordered a "curtailment" of training activities at its Quantico, Virginia, base when the temperature is 90 or higher. It said other precautions also have been taken.

Damaging Charges By Socialists

Tokyo, Feb. 2.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida's Liberals and the conservative Progressive Party today fought damaging Socialist charges that they had accepted \$140,000 in campaign funds from a giant Japanese investment fund to save it from financial oblivion.

Those present at the meeting included the Italian Vice-Consul and Mrs G. Bertuccoli, Professor and Mrs Arrigo Foa, the Rev Father A. Granelli, Monsieur and Madame K. Caudron, Mr and Mrs E. F. Szczepanik and Mr and Mrs J. H. Gransden.

It was decided that the Society should temporarily be named the Societa Amici dell'Italia—Hongkong, and that its aim should be to promote a greater interest in and knowledge of Italian culture. For this purpose it was proposed to solicit the immediate recognition and support of the Societa Dante Alighieri, Rome.

The following temporary Committee was elected: President: Mr J. H. Gransden; Vice-President: Monsieur R. Caudron; Secretary: Mrs E. F. Szczepanik; Treasurer: Mrs A. Foa.

The Society will henceforward hold monthly meetings of a social and cultural nature, and all Italian-speaking residents in the Colony are cordially invited to take part.

The subscription has been fixed at \$15 per quarter, payable in advance, and the only requirements are that members should be able to speak Italian (all meetings will be held in that language) and that they should be introduced by an existing member.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, but any who are interested are cordially invited to contact any members of the Committee at the following addresses: Mr J. H. Gransden, University of Hongkong; Mrs E. F. Szczepanik, University of Hongkong; Mrs A. Foa, Church Guest House; Monsieur K. Caudron, French Bank Building.

A flash report said that Gonzales' bodyguard was also killed and his gun was used by the murderers in the killing. Gonzales was also robbed of \$7,000 cash.

Constabulary investigators believed that the assailants, numbering 12, were Huks but the possibility of tenancy trouble as a motive of the killing was also being looked into.

The victim was hit three times in the head and death was instantaneous.—France-Press.

Father Rab said that they did not know the reason of their expulsion.

They added that the present Soviet view made a solution even more difficult to realise and foreshadowed a return to long-drawn-out international wrangles that had occupied so much time in the post-war world.

West German observers also described the speech as disappointing. They said that the Soviet stance was diametrically opposed to the Western viewpoint because it represented an attempt to bring the four-power negotiations a renewal of the atmosphere of the 1948 winter.

A Federal German government spokesman said that the speech did not represent a very hopeful start to the German problem and that there was little hope of success when the two viewpoints were so far apart.—France-Press.

Most of the fathers had worked in North China for more than 10 years and had spent their last few years in Beijing.

Man Hit By Tram

A long line of trams passed their impasse as crowds scurried to see the scene of the traffic jam at the junction of Fraser Street and Des Voeux Road Central at about 9.40 this morning.

Looking none the worse for the jolt he had received from tram No. 77, an elderly European, with his hat still perched firmly on his head, walked to an ambulance.

The man was heard to say "Inform my wife at the Pan American Airlines office," before he was helped into the ambulance and rushed to hospital.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Tomorrow all offices will be closed for public business. There will be no delivery and no collection from posting boxes. The private lobby will be kept open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, February 4 the public offices of G.P.O. and Kowloon C.P.O. will be open for business from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Branch offices will be closed. There will be one collection from posting boxes and one general delivery commencing from 10 a.m. The Post Office lobby will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.
Macau, 6 p.m.
CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
By Air

Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii,
U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m.
By Surface

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

No Further Misunderstanding

Guatemala City, Feb. 1.

The Nicaraguan Ambassador said tonight